25th March 1954]

Import of French polish without levy of gallonage fee.

* 378 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of spirit supplied to spirit-warehouse, S. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar, Murugesa Mudaliar, Purushothama Naidu, Dawn and Company and Parry and Company, Madras, during 1952–53;

(*b*) whether 50,000 gallons of spirit imported from Quilon to Egmore in 1952–53 was without levy of duty; and

(*c*) the result of the police enquiry?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
"(*a*) The quantity of spirit supplied to the companies during 1952–53 is as follows :—

		GALLONS.
1	Spirit-warehouse	63,600
2	S. Kuppuswami & Co.	23,000
3	Murugesa Mudaliar, P. M. Purushotham (the present licensee)	10,250
4	Purushotham Naidu	9,040
5	Dawn & Co., Parry & Co.	Nil.

(Licences were not given to them in 1952–53).

"(*b*) No, Sir. But 4 consignments involving 2,388 gallons of French Polish illegally imported from Mysore and Travancore and Cochin States were detected during 1952–53. These imports were without levy of gallonage fee.

"(*c*) The result of the action taken in this regard led to the prosecution of 4 persons and to the collection of a fine of Rs. 600. The gallonage fee at the rate of Re. 0–12–0 per gallon was also collected on the 2,388 gallons."

Sri A. RATNAM :—"சென்னையில் எத்தனை பிரெஞ்சு பாலிஷ் விற்கும் பெயிண்ட் கடைகள் இருக்கின்றன? அந்தக் கடைக்காரர்கள் அத்தனை பேரும் ஸ்பிரிட் விற்க அனுமதிக்கப்படவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டிருந்தும் அவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்படாததன் காரணமென்ன? ஒரு காலன் ஸ்பிரிட் டின் வாங்கும் விலை என்ன? விற்கும் விலை என்ன?"

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
"A separate question may be given notice of."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"We shall take up questions Nos. 379 and 389 together as they relate to the same subject."